TDA-NPS Management Program Document INTRODUCTION



This document is a revision of Tennessee's Nonpoint Source Management Program, which was originally approved by the US Environmental Protection Agency on September 1, 1989.

TDA-NPS Program Vision Statement

TDA-NPS Program will be the most effective provider of 319 funding in the nation as we seek to restore and protect Tennessee's water resources from nonpoint sources of pollution.

TDA-NPS Program Mission Statement

The mission of the TDA-NPS Program is to:
Measurably reduce nonpoint source pollution in Tennessee,
Measurably improve Tennessee's water quality,
Continuously strengthen and expand partnerships, and
Increase the water resources stewardship of Tennessee's citizens.

In order to realize the vision and accomplish the mission, the TDA-NPS Program has developed seven long term goals or guiding principles. These statements form the basis for future program direction.

Long Term Goal 1

Hold regularly scheduled meetings with stakeholders, to create new partnerships, strengthen existing partnerships and foster greater trust, commitment and accountability.

Long Term Goal 2

Fully implement all developed TMDLs for nonpoint sources in compliance with existing regulations, policies or agreements by 2015.

Long Term Goal 3

Restore all waters impaired by nonpoint sources that are listed on the 1998 303(d) List to the condition of fully supporting their designated uses by 2015, in cooperation with local, state, and federal partners.

Long Term Goal 4

Beginning in 2006, through regulatory and non-regulatory means, prevent previously unlisted waters from being included on the 303(d) List because of nonpoint source impairments.

Long Term Goal 5

Improve the knowledge of stakeholders and citizens concerning the origins, magnitude, and prevention of nonpoint source pollution.

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Long Term Goal 6

Through the process of continuous improvement, routinely assess all programmatic functions of the TDA-NPS Program in order to maximize efficiency, decrease the bureaucratic burden, and increase the numbers of participants in the program.

Long Term Goal 7

Use the maximum allowable percentage of funding annually to assist partners with water quality monitoring and assessment, for the duration of the TDA-NPS Program.

This management plan is divided into three sections. Section 1 consists of the source chapters, one for each of the different categories of nonpoint source pollution. Additionally, there are chapters on TMDLs, Education, Water Quality Monitoring, and Ground Water. Section 2 consists of the Program Management portion of the TDA-NPS Program, and Section 3 pertains to the eleven Priority Watersheds.

Each of the chapters in Sections 1-3 have milestones included. In each chapter, the TDA-NPS Program's long term goals are restated, and applicable and specific action items are included. These action items will be the basis of all future 319 projects in Tennessee. TDA-NPS Program will tie each future project to a specific long term goal and a short term action item.